

IJF Gender Equity Commission Report (August 2019 – July 2021)

The members of the IJF Gender Equity Commission remain unchanged. I take this opportunity to thank my colleagues and friends for their time, dedication, support, expertise, and hard work. We look forward to continuing successful partnership working with the other IJF Commissions, National Federations and Continental Unions.

2nd IJF Gender Equity Seminar, Tokyo, August 2019

We continued with the theme “*Together We Are Stronger*” and the speakers (top athletes, coaches, National Federation Presidents, CEOs and Executive Committee members and IJF Gender Equity Commission members) shared their stories. The event was streamed on the IJF social media platforms where it was viewed 27,000 times: <https://www.facebook.com/judo/videos/2427489297524966>



Following welcomes from IJF President, Mr Marius Vizer and IJF Executive Committee member and All Japan Judo Federation President, Mr Yasuhiro Yamashita, President Vizer signed the “*Brighton plus Helsinki 2014 Declaration*” with Dr Etsuko Ogasawara, Asian representative, International Working Group on Women and Sport.

IJF Referee, Sport and Education Seminar, Doha, January 2020

As in previous editions the IJF supported two delegates with accommodation and meals, if both 2020 delegates were male the IJF covered accommodation and meal costs for an additional third female delegate. This saw a massive increase in female participation from about 6-8 in 2019 to 53 female delegates in Doha.



Majlinda Kelmendi Statue, February 2020

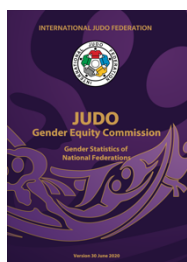


In the world less than 4% of statues are female. Award-winning New York artists Gillie and Marc Statues for Equality (<https://statuesforequality.com>) aim to balance gender representation in public art, and honour women’s contributions to society. Gender inequality is among the most critical issues facing the world today. Their award-winning work is on permanent display in over 40 cities, including New York, London, Singapore, Shanghai, Sydney, and Beijing and now also in Peja, Kosovo. The IJF commissioned and paid for Olympic and World Champion Majlinda Kelmendi’s bronze statue which stands in the park she played in during her childhood and close to the club where she started and continues to practice judo. Majlinda declared she “is very happy that she can be an inspiration for the young generation of her country”.

IOC Women and Sport Awards 2020, March 2020

We were extremely proud when the IOC announced that for “their remarkable contributions to the development, encouragement and reinforcement of women’s and girls’ participation in sport” IJF Gender Equity Commission member, Salima Souakri was named as the winner for Africa. A four-times Olympian and current Secretary of State to the Minister of Youth and Sports, she also became the first Algerian woman to be named a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador.

Gender Statistics of National Federations, June 2020



Commission member and Croatian Judo Federation President Sanda Corak collected and analysed the data sent by the NFs. Results show progress in each of the indicators – growth of the share is most obvious regarding the share of women in the position of members of the national Executive Committees showing growth of 5 points, in comparison to 2018. Progress is also registered in the share of women as judo referees and members of NJFs commissions, and just a slight rise regarding women as judo coaches. The greatest share of women is registered as positions in the administration of the NJFs (administrative secretaries, etc.).

Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the First Women's World Judo Championships, November 2020

Thanks to an amazing woman named Rusty Kanokogi the first women's world judo championships were held in New York City forty years ago. The IJF celebrated this historical event with two online panel discussions, watched by a total of 15,000 viewers across both days) with some of the participants to commemorate the pioneers who participated in the event. A huge thanks to everyone who was involved in realising this project and a special mention to Ryohei, Jean and the Kanokogi family for their contribution.



Webinar 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4CASlxsHdMY&t=1373s>

Webinar 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LOOBsHhRtys>

An exhibition of memorabilia is online at: www.ijf.org/competition/2170/photos

UN Framework, December 2020

The IJF signed up to the UN Women Sport for Generation Equality Framework on 3 December 2020.

IJF Gender Equity Strategy

The Gender Equity Commission continues to work towards achieving the strategy and aims, focusing, over the next 12 months, on increasing the presence of women in leadership positions, as coaches, referees and technical officials and continuing to work to prevent harassment and abuse. Each year the IJF will award a number of full scholarships for women for the IJF Academy Undergraduate Judo Management Course (UDJM). Applicants must be nominated by their National Judo Federation.

Meetings / Conferences / Seminars

5th IOC Gender Equity Seminar 7, 14 and 23 September 2020 – 2 IJF attendees, 6 webinar sessions

IJF Gender Equity Commission online meeting, 23 November 2020

IJF Gender Equity Commission and IJF Academy meeting, 26 November 2020

ASOIF Women Lead Sports 2021, March 2021 - 3 IJF attendees, 4 online sessions

International Women's day online session with Judo for Peace South Africa, and other activities, March 2021

Overall, it has been a successful period with a lot of outstanding work and amazing projects, and we look forward to celebrating the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games judo competition which will be gender balanced for the first time, with equal numbers of male and female athletes competing along with a mixed team event.

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